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EXPENDITURE IN RESEARCH WORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concrete results have not been achieved on research related to equipment used for repairing and maintenance of rail tracks so far despite spending huge amount; and the appropriate annual expenditure made by the Government in this regard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) The railway prepares the performance specifications for the equipments for repair and maintenance of railway track and thereafter these equipments are developed by trade at their own cost. The proto-type equipment and specifications offered by trade is scrutinised/studied/got modified before adopting it for field trial. The results of such field trials are then again studied for any modifications to the equipments/specifications. This procedure is followed with a view to achieve the objectives and uniformity of the equipment and maintenance practices keeping in view the safety requirements. However, the process is time consuming and so far 34 small track machines have been got developed in collaboration with trade and approved for field applications on the Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.